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FOR: VIRUS ENVELOPE VECTOR FOR GENE TRANSFER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows.

In the specification: On page 1, before the paragraph starting on line 5, insert the following paragraph:

This application claims priority to application no. PCT/JP01/00782 filed 02 February 2001, now publication no. WO 01/57204 published 09 August 2001; which claims priority to JP 25596 filed 02 February 2000, which are both incorporated herein by reference.

In the Claims: Please amend claims 3, 5-7, 10-14, 16-19 and add new claims 20-36 as follows:

3. (Amended) A gene transfer vector according to claim 1, wherein the virus is derived from a virus belonging to a family selected from the group consisting of Retroviridae, Togaviridae, Cornoviridae, Flaviviridae, Paramyxoviridae, Orthomyxoviridae, Bunyaviridae, Rhabdoviridae,